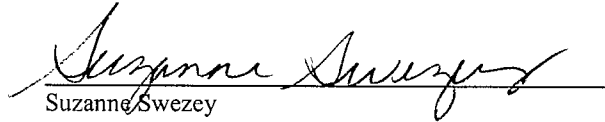

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Suzanne Swezey

Application Number	: 10/680,706	Confirmation No. 2637
Filing Date	: October 6, 2003	
Inventor(s)	: Biedermann, Lutz	
Title	: BONE SCREW AND BONE SCREW WITH HOLDING ELEMENT	
Group Art Unit	: 3733	
Examiner Name	: Nicholas W. Woodall	
Docket No.	: 56603/B884	Date: December 17, 2008

MAIL TO: Mail Stop RCE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- a. ☐ Pending (no review proceedings active)
 - (1) ☐ An Action was mailed by the Office on __, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and
 - ☐ a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was mailed on
 - ☐ via Express Mail
 - ☐ with certificate of mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8
 - ☐ that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request
 - ☐ an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated
 - (2) ☐ Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on
 - ☐ the Issue Fee has not been paid
 - ☐ the Issue Fee has been paid **and** a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on

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- b. X Pending (with review proceeding active)
An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. **Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.**
2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)
- a. Previously submitted
- _____ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on
- _____ Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on
- _____ Other:
- b. Enclosed
- X Amendment/Reply
- _____ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- X Information Disclosure Statement
- _____ Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48
- X Petition for Extension of Time
- _____ Other:

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
FEE CALCULATION SHEET**

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PART I — BASIC FEE

BASIC FEE	Small Entity \$405.00	Large Entity \$810.00	\$810.00
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PART II — ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE)

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims	39	*32	7	x \$26.00	7 x \$52.00	364
Independent Claims	3	**6	0	x \$110.00	x \$220.00	0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				\$195.00	\$390.00	
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE						\$364
List Independent Claims: 1, 17 and 37						
* IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE. ** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE.						

1. FEES *(The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)*

a. X Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)

Please charge \$1174 to deposit account No. 03-1728 to cover the fees calculated above.

b. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.